



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY YOUNG
COUNCIL DISTRICT FOUR
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: September 21, 2009

TO: Honorable City Council members

FROM: Councilmember Anthony Young

SUBJECT: The Citizens Revenue Review and Economic Competitiveness Commission

The San Diego City Council approved the FY 2010 Fiscal Reform in June 2009 which included establishment of The Citizens Revenue Review and Economic Competitiveness Commission.

Attached for your review are the goals, objectives and composition of the Commission. This matter will be discussed at the Wednesday, September 23, 2009 meeting of the Committee on Budget and Finance. I cannot emphasize enough how time is of the essence in getting this Commission started. As you know, we are facing current budget deficits due to State "takeaways", continuing decline in sales tax revenues, decline in TOT revenues, and declines in other revenues. We have a projected ARC payment of over \$225 million. There are very strong rumors that SAIC may be moving its corporate headquarters to Virginia and taking at least 1,000 jobs with it. I do not know if other companies are contemplating the same. These are indeed trying fiscal times and working with some of San Diego's brightest minds and caring individuals will be of tremendous assistance in helping shape policies and strategies to get us through.

The Commission can begin its work as soon as it's established. It is expected to conclude its work and issue final reports in 6-8 months. The Mayor has agreed to support the Commission's work, the Revenue Audit is underway (approved in the FY 2010 fiscal Reforms), the IBA is prepared to work with the Council and Mayor's office in conducting a city-wide survey of service levels desired by the public, and the Mayor's Economic Growth Services Team is prepared to present to the Commission its current practices of promoting economic prosperity for the city.

I look forward to your input and recommendations for members to serve on the Commission. It is always a win for all when we provide an opportunity for citizens to provide input on the City's issues in an open and transparent manner.

Thank you in advance for your support.